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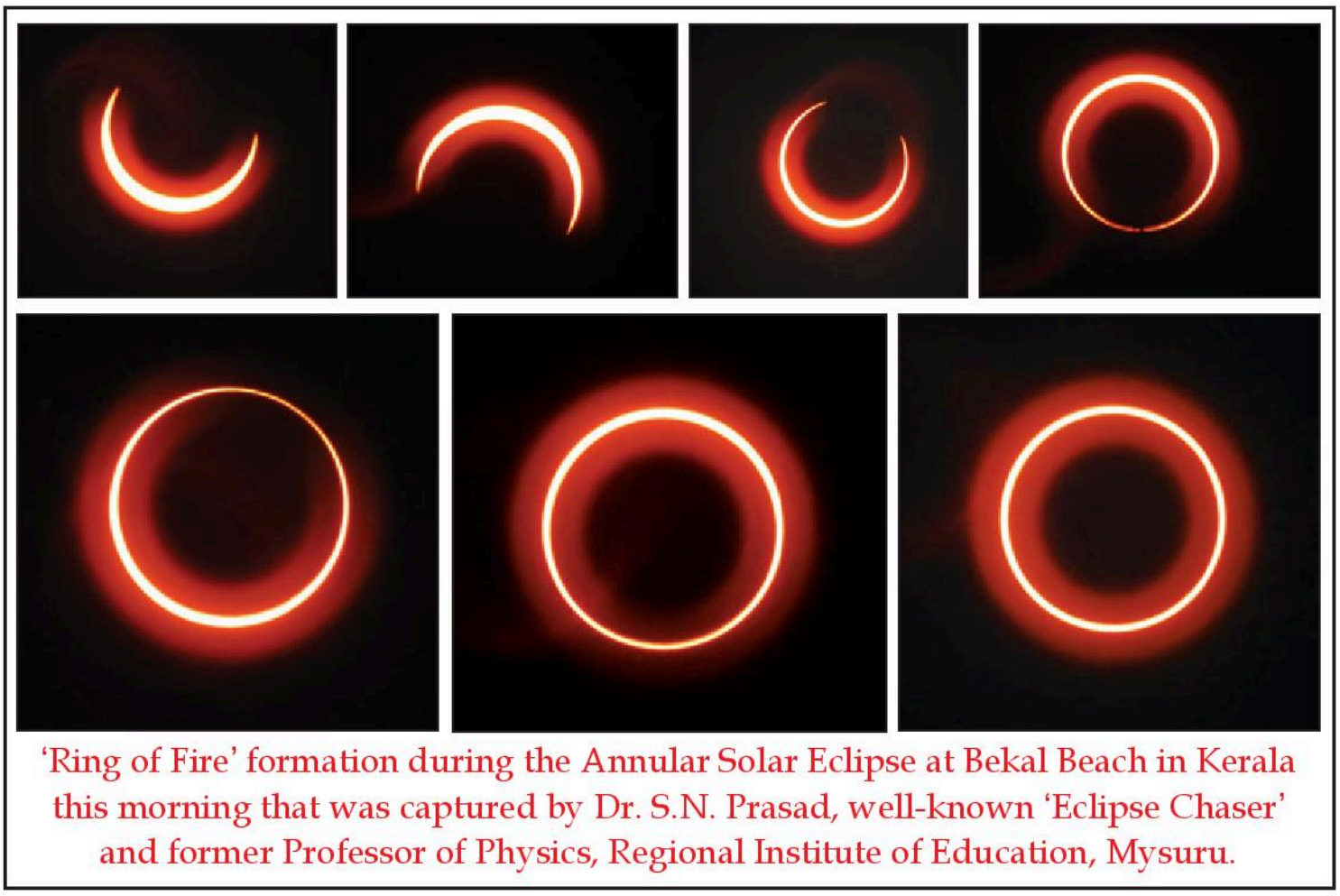
Mysuru Eclipsed !

Roads wear deserted look, no shoppers at markets, no breakfast at roadside eateries; Cloudy weather mars view at Kutta in Kodagu

Mysuru, Dec.26 (MTY&BCT)- The 'Ring of Fire' against the morning sky in the form of the Annular Solar Eclipse cast a dark spell on the daily lives of Mysureans, disrupting several activities. Citing the ill-effects of the eclipse over their planetary (Zodiac) positions in astrology, many either cancelled their engagements or deferred activities until the completion of the event.

The Eclipse wasn't just a scientific spectacle. It also deterred people from venturing out of their homes. Except school children, professionals and office-goers, people including traders, shoppers and businessmen preferred to stay at home during the eclipse from 8 am to 11 am.

It is not an easy task to check blind beliefs and as a proof to this, shops on main thoroughfares of city were only opened after 12 noon. A bandh-like atmosphere prevailed on many roads including the ever-busy D. Devaraj Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Ashoka Road and around the Palace. Even the Devaraja Market and the M.G. Road Market wore a deserted look, with vendors waiting for the customers. It is usually a busy time during early morning hours when the markets witness a heavy rush of customers who look for farm-fresh vegetables, leaves and fruits. But today, shoppers stayed indoors and only reached the markets after 11.30 am.



'Ring of Fire' formation during the Annular Solar Eclipse at Bekal Beach in Kerala this morning that was captured by Dr. S.N. Prasad, well-known 'Eclipse Chaser' and former Professor of Physics, Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru.

Roadside eateries closed

Causing inconvenience to people who have their regular breakfast on the roadside streets, almost 80 percent of the roadside eateries were closed. Some of the hotels were closed for the morning session and those that were open had thin attendance.

Almost all prominent temples including the Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill were closed along with several Eshwara, Anjaneya, Ganapathi and Venkataramanaswamy temples. All of them were thrown open for *darshan* after the eclipse and after elaborate cleansing rituals.

Public viewing of rare celestial event

But several rationalists groups and science clubs served breakfast to the public besides making arrangements for public viewing of the rare celestial event. Apart from many schools and colleges that had made arrangements to view the eclipse, the Mysore Science Foundation had made arrangements at the Oval Grounds where over 2,000 school children and over 1,500 public had gathered as early as 7 am to witness the rare phenomenon.

(See ECLIPSED on page 8, PHOTOGRAPHS on page 7)

Over 10,000 stage demo against CAA, NRC in city

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RKB&DM)- The Town Hall in the heart of the city was a sea of humanity this morning as over 10,000 people, majority of them from the minority community, assembled at the venue to stage anti-CAA and anti-NRC demonstration organised under the banner of Mysuru United Muslim Welfare Trust. Various other organisations such as DSS, University of Mysore Research Students Association too took part in the demonstration.

Trust President Mufti Syed Tajuddin, under whose leadership the demonstration was held, said that although the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) was enacted with a lofty principle of granting shelter to persecuted people, the Act is flawed in that it is based on religion.

(See DEMO AGAINST CAA on page 9)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
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Mysuru, Thursday 26th December 2019

Speedy trials, cause of justice

The country's judiciary has just tended to be featured in the media to an unprecedented extent, mostly for all wrong reasons. While the cancer of corruption in the circle of judges from the lowest courts across the country to the highest court namely the Supreme Court of India is talked about publicly in hushed tones, the feature of inordinate delays in hearing the law suits and delivering judgements, even in criminal cases such as rape and cold-blooded murders seems to have robbed the land's judiciary of its respectability, trust and impartiality, not to forget transparency in court proceedings. The number of law suits of all types pending in the system has reportedly crossed three crores and counting. In addition, the country's prisons are hosting undertrials out-counting the convicts threefold or so. The saying *Justice delayed is justice denied*, attributed to the British Statesman and former Prime Minister of United Kingdom William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898) and the related view of British writer and advocate of democracy William Penn (1644-1718) namely *To delay justice is injustice* briefly yet comprehensively portrays the pitiable plight of the litigants, may not be of the criminals with charges proven.

The urban literati too suffers from illiteracy of both the laws of the country and the nuances of court procedures. Further, the rural sections of the country's population, accounting for more than 60 percent of the total headcount face the obstacle of literacy in general, not to speak of literacy of law.

The land's lawyer fraternity of yesteryears had earned a niche for themselves and the profession by setting highest standards of legal practice, apart from playing a stellar role in freedom movement taking the top brass of the colonial rulers head-on. India's traditional Panchayats, excepting the caste Panchayats (Khap), too enjoyed the trust of people at large by their ways of ensuring social justice. These time-honoured features of delivering unalloyed justice to all doesn't seem to have endured at present times: A Kannada proverb cautions people on the unwise attitude of approaching the court at the drop of a hat, given the exorbitant cost of getting disputes involving property resolved through the courts. Civil suits taking decades before the final judgement are the butt of ridicule, and now that seems to be bugging even criminal cases of serious nature.

A three-judge Bench of the land's Apex Court has said that the *cause* of justice is paramount, adding that the basic ingredients of fairness must be borne in mind. Many would rate the view as mere platitude in the face of side-lining speed in expediting court trials, leaving the litigants and those facing criminal allegations in lurch.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

What a marvellous animal a human being is. Through sheer imagination and intellectual power, we humans have revolutionized the world to suit our purposes. We have erected great edifices like the Pyramids, the Great Wall and magnificent temples like those in Europe and India. We have dammed fast-flowing rivers, harnessed electricity and established gigantic projects. Our discoveries and inventions have helped us to battle scourges like leprosy, small pox and polio. Individually too we have performed just as well. Each one of us is endowed with the power to think, plan and produce work that has the stamp of inventive genius. In every field of endeavour, whether Art or Science, we have achievers who have influenced and changed the way we live and respond to life. All this has enabled us not only to adapt to new patterns of living but also modify Nature. Indeed, the cave-man has been transformed into the new wave-man.

— Leela Ramaswamy in Deccan Herald

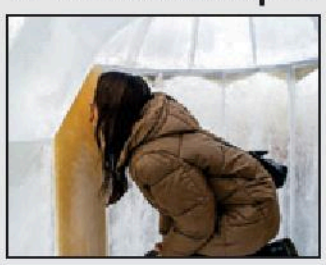
NEWS SPARKLERS

Slanted toilets to prevent spending much time in loo

London: Long, relaxing bathroom breaks that allow people to read the news or get up to date with their social media feed may be coming to an end due to a new and controversial toilet seat design that is supposed to make sitting on the toilet for more than seven minutes becomes uncomfortable.

Called the Standard Toilet, the new design by English consulting engineer Mahabir Gill slopes at a downwards angle of 13 degrees forcing the person who is sitting on it to use their leg muscles in order to keep from sliding off. According to its creator, the longest someone can comfortably sit on such a toilet seat is 5 to 7 minutes. Gill said that the 13 angle slant is ideal, as it's enough to cause some feelings of strain in the users legs, making them want to get up faster than they would from a horizontal toilet seat, but not enough to cause serious health problems. While the designer said that the Standard Toilet was inspired by his personal experience, he also added that it would be a great asset for businesses wanting to maximize employee work hours.

Revellers lick igloo made from booze in tourist hotspot



London: The 'Ale B&B' was a one-off structure which allowed people to enjoy the festive season by climbing inside and enjoying a beer.

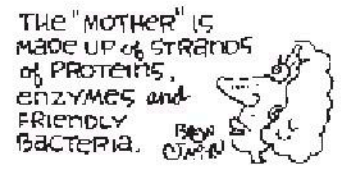
Once inside they were given the choice of cracking open a bottle of ale - or licking the structure's icy blocks which contained more than 1,000 LITRES of frozen ale.

The unique, five-feet high igloo was created by Greene King to celebrate the launch of Ice Breaker, its new pale ale.

Matt Starbuck, Managing Director of Greene King, said: "There are a multitude of quirky and unusual B&B stays available in the UK at the moment, but we've never seen a real frozen igloo, particularly one where the walls are made from beer."

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What types of good bacteria are found in the "mother" of apple cider vinegar?



A 2016 study revealed that the "Mother" in apple cider vinegar contains five kinds of probiotics, I.E., good bacteria: Acetobacter, lactobacillus, oenococcus, komagateribacter and gluconobacter.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Kadali Shri Award for Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (US)- IPS Officer and writer Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti has been selected for the Kadali Shri Award instituted by Kadali Mahila Vedike.

The award will be presented to her at a function to be held tomorrow at 5 pm at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

Akhila Bharatha Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Apparao Akkone, retired Vice-Chancellor Dr. Indumathi, Poetess Dr. T. C. Poornima and others will participate in the programme.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Dec.26- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Jainology and Prakrit to **M. Soma Nayaka** for his thesis 'Srikshetra Kanakagiri - Ondu Samskruthika Adhayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. P. Padmavathi.

C. Somanna has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Kannada Dalita Natakagalalli Samajika Pragne' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C.D. Parashurama, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***The second longest river in the world is the Amazon River, it reaches around 6,400 kilometres in length (4000 miles). The Amazon River is the largest river by discharge volume of water — greater than the next seven largest independent rivers combined. It is also the widest river in the world, while not in flood, the main stretches can reach widths of up to 11 km (7 miles) at its widest points. The Amazon River originates from the Andes in the Peru and runs through Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Brazil.***
- ***The Yangtze River is the third longest river in the world running 6,300 kilometres (3915 miles). The river is the longest in the world to flow entirely within one country. Rising in Tanggula Mountain, it flows eastwards and pours itself into the East China Sea.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Increase frequency of Mysuru-Udaipur Palace Queen Express from Weekly to Bi-weekly

Sir,

Mysuru is well-connected by several long distance trains to the rest of the country via Bengaluru. Many new superfast trains are introduced for the benefit of long distance travellers as well as to help the commuters to reach Bengaluru in a seamless manner by more trains.

Humsafar Express to Udaipur via Bengaluru-Hubballi was introduced a year ago and has widely benefited many passengers travelling to Hubballi and beyond.

Further, it is welcome to know that the train is now earmarked with one coach for the benefit of AC Chair Car fare travel between Mysuru and Bengaluru.

There is now an urgent need to increase the frequency of 19667/19668 Mysuru-Udaipur Palace Queen Express from the existing Weekly to a Bi-weekly train. The current route and its schedule is excellent and highly comfortable to travel to long distance destinations like Pune, Baroda, Udaipur; apart from providing an additional non-stop direct connectivity to Bengaluru.

Hence, the South Western Railway authorities at Mysuru Division are kindly requested to increase the frequency of train number 19667/19668 Mysuru-Udaipur Palace Queen Express from the existing Weekly (Thursdays) to a Bi-weekly (Tuesday, Thursday) affair. This will highly benefit the Railways to otherwise garner patronage as necessary for this train.

—Varun Dambal
Bengaluru
24.12.2019

First time in 166 years, Indian Railways report zero passenger deaths in 2019-20

New Delhi, Dec. 26 (UNI)- In its 166-year-long history, Indian Railways has reported financial year 2019-20 as its safest year. The national transporter saw zero passenger deaths during the current fiscal, marking a big achievement for it on the safety front. Also, the Narendra Modi Government is actively engaging in the restructuring of the Indian Railways.

According to Indian Railways' data, the total numbers of consequential accidents — collisions, fire in trains, level crossing accidents and derailment — have decreased by nearly 95 per cent over the last 38 years.

In financial year 2017-18, Indian Railways reported 73 accidents across the Railway network. Implementation of continuous safety measures saw this number dip further in FY19. Indian Railways reported 59 accidents during FY19. Additionally, the total number of train accidents per million kilometres reduced to an all-time low of 0.06 in 2018-19.

Reports suggest that number of accidents in 1960-61 was 2,131, which came down to 840 in 1970-71. The total number of accidents in 1980-81 was recorded at 1,013, in 1990-91 it stood at 532 accidents, and in 2010-11 there were 141 such cases.

An average of over 500 accidents took place annually between 1990-1995, with around 2,400 deaths and 4,300 injured. However, an average of 110 accidents took place every year between 2013-2018, in which around 990 people were killed and 1,500 injured.

The year 2014 marked by the succession of NDA Government over the UPA regime started a new chapter in the development of Railways, with the Government actively engaging in improving the Railways system by implementing state-of-the-art practices on a war-footing basis.

Putting an end to the "Departmentalism" of the Indian Railways that has long hobbled its progress, the move to amalgamate the disparate services by the Modi Government is aimed to put an end to the age-old culture of working in 'silos' and expedite decision making and enabling coherent vision for the organisation.

Disruption in power supply across city, villages tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Dec. 27 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Vijayanagar Power Distribution Centre: Gokulam 1st and 2nd Stages, Madeshwara Layout, Vijayanagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Hinkal, Yadavagiri, Manjunathapura, Mahajana Layout, Vontikoppal, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Jayalakshmipuram, CFTRI, DC House, Nurse Quarters, Akashavani, ESI Hospital, Gokulam Park, Kalidasa Road, Yadavagiri Industrial Area, Vijayanagar Water Supply, Adipampa Road, MMC Ladies Hostel, Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Brindavan Layout, Yoganarasimhaswamy temple and surrounding areas.

Jyothinagar Power Distribution Centre: Alanahalli, Giridarshini Layout, Police Layout 1st and 2nd Stages, Netajinagar, KSRTC Layout, Nandini Layout 1st and 2nd Stages, Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel and surrounding areas.

Hemmaragala and Thayur Power Distribution Centre: Hemmaragala, Kumbralli, Madralli, Srinagar, Singaripura, Gonathagala, Hedatale, Bhujangayyanahundi, Mallahalli, Hampapura, Halepura, Thayur, Eshwaragowdanahalli, Vaddarahundi, Beerihundi, Kottarayanahundi, Gejjaganahalli, Kahalli and Kalkunda villages and GP limits, according to a press release from the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

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CORRIGENDUM-1 17/12/2019

Ref: BARC/MYS/PO&M/KMM/Maintenance of Ventilation Blower/2019/04

Name of Work : Maintenance of Ventilation blower and air handling system at BARC, Mysore

With reference to the above tender please note the following:

Sl.No	Description of Tender	Indicated in existing Tender document (NIT)	Revised Description (To be read as)
1	Dates for request for Purchase/Download of Tender Document (Excel/Word format)	From 18.11.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 02.12.2019 (15:00 Hrs.) on website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE**. Detailed NIT is also available on website **www.barc.gov.in** for view only.	From 18.12.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 30.12.2019 (15:00 Hrs.) on website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE**. Detailed NIT is also available on website **www.barc.gov.in** for view only.
2	Date of pre- bid clarification	The contractors are requested to upload their Pre-bid queries not later than **04.12.2019 in tender wizard.** pre- bid meeting will held on **05.12.2019 at BARC, Mysore** . The pre- bid clarification will be uploaded in Tender wizard website by **06.12.2019**	The contractors are requested to upload their Pre-bid queries any time between **18.12.2019 (11:00 hrs)** and **31.12.2019 (23:30 hrs) in tender wizard**. pre- bid meeting will held on **01.01.2020 (14:30 hrs) at BARC, Mysore** . The pre- bid clarification will be uploaded in Tender wizard website by **02.01.2020**
3	Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders	**09.12.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)**	**06.01.2020 (15:00 Hrs.)**
4	Last date for submission of original documents towards Receipt of e-payment Tender Processing Fee and EMD	On or before **12.12.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)** at Chief Engineer's office in a **sealed** super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number. Original documents should be submitted along with EMD preferably in person. However documents sent by post or courier will also be considered provided the same is received within due date & time.	On or before **09.01.2020 (15:00 Hrs.)** at Chief Engineer's office in a **sealed** super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number. Original documents should be submitted along with EMD preferably in person. However documents sent by post or courier will also be considered provided the same is received within due date & time.
5	Date and time of online opening of Part-1	**16.12.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)**	**13.01.2020 (15:00 Hrs.)**
6	Date of opening of Par-2 of qualified bidders	**27.12.2019 (Tentative date)**	**27.01.2020 (Tentative date)**

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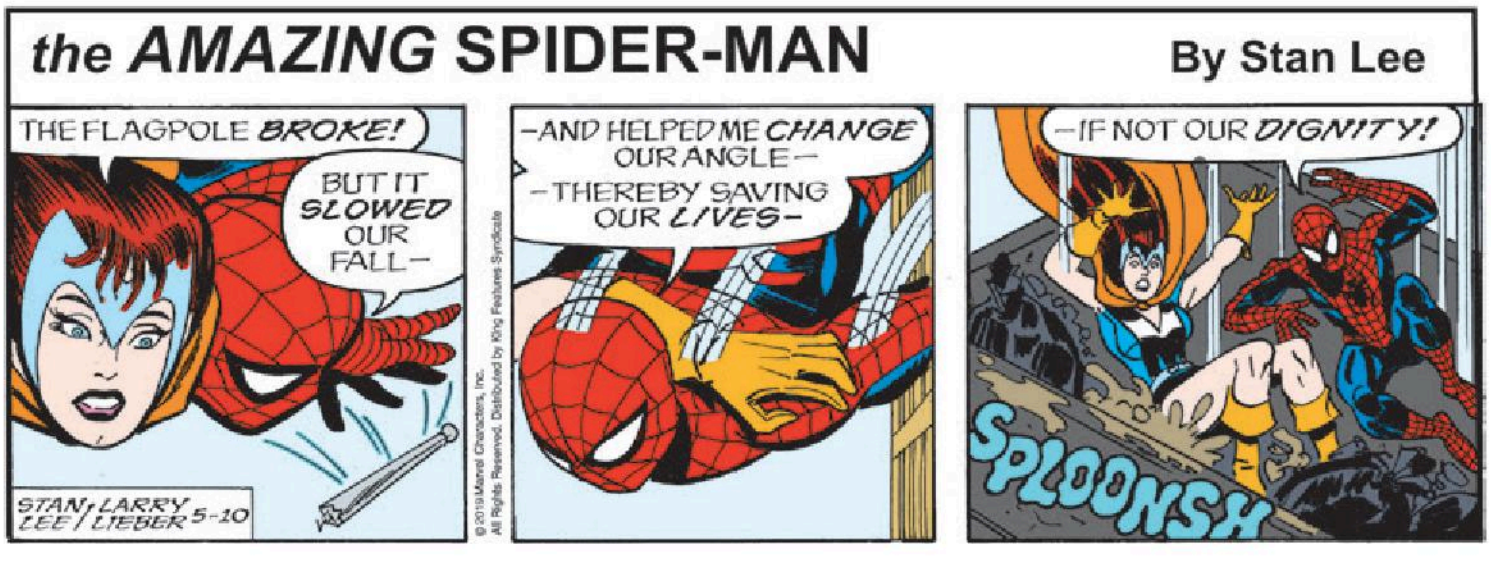
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NEWS BRIEFS

Yuvajanothsava: Entries invited

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports in association with District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Nehru Yuva Kendra has organised a District-level 'Yuvajanothsava' on Dec.31 at 10 am at Maharani's Arts College premises in city. The event will feature classical music, classical dance, harmonium, guitar, extempore talk, mono-acting, folk songs and dance. Participants in the age group of 15 to 29 years should register before 5 pm on Dec.30 with the Assistant Director, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2564179. As the winners will be representing at the State-level and National-level meet, extempore talk and mono-acting should be in Hindi or English. For further details, call Ph: 0821-2489858.

Graduates Day at JSS College

JSS College for Women is celebrating 12th Graduates Day at Navajyothi Auditorium in the College premises at Saraswarthipuram on Dec. 28. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Upa Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil will be the chief guest and Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Dr. C.G. Betsurmath will preside. A total 661 students will be graduating in the present academic year 2018-19. Amongst them, 21 students will receive Roll of Honour.

Suttur Jatra: Kite Festival

As part of the week-long Suttur Jatra (Jan. 21 to 26, 2020), a kite festival will be held at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk on Jan. 24. The contest will be held under four different categories — Primary School children, High School students, College students and members of the public. For details, call Ph: 0821-2548212/122 or Mob: 88849-32916, according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.55 ft
Yesterday	121.60 ft
Inflow	3,049 cusecs
Outflow	3,627 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.66 ft
Inflow	372 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Nagarahole National Park receives 2,000 mm rainfall

220 ponds brimming with crystal clear water

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (UNI)- After a long spell of drought for four consecutive years, ponds and lakes inside Nagarahole National Park and Tiger Reserve are filled with water, thanks to over 2,000 mm (78.74 inches) rainfall this year. This has come as a boon to the parched land and wild animals are quenching their thirst.

The Tiger Reserve covers 848 square kilometres of area and has over 220 ponds and other water bodies.

In addition, there are small rivulets flowing inside the Park. Though the region had experienced bountiful rainfall even last year, ponds and water bodies were not overflowing, said the officials.

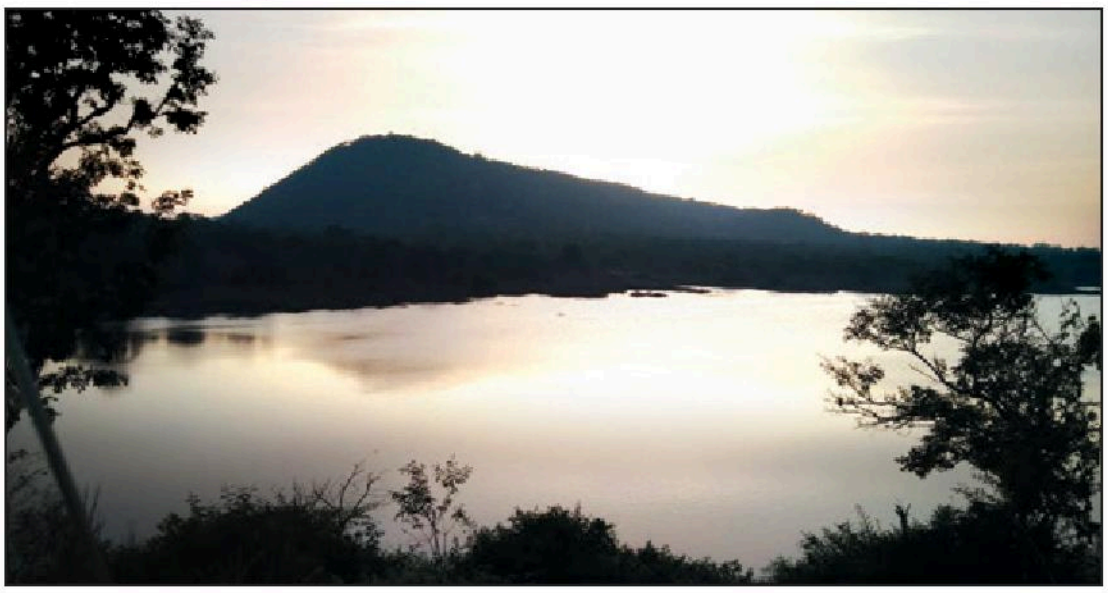
After experiencing drought for four years, the silt-filled ponds were desilted and a few ponds were also constructed inside the National Park limits. There is enough water in the lake situated at Anechowkur check post. The water bodies beside the road at Periyapatna-Boodithittu are also full. These water bodies had remained dried up since the last 10 years.

Drying up of watering holes was tipping the fragile ecological balance of the forests, home to one of the densest populations of tigers in the world. A few lakes and ponds had even lost their identity. Bountiful rain in the months of August, September and October has rejuvenated the water bodies. The Aanecamp Kere of Majjigehalla, situated on the periphery of Nagarahole near Gonikoppal, is also full.

During the dry years, the Forest Department took measures to dig small pits in the watering holes and bringing water tankers to fill them every week. Also, as a more lasting solution, the Department dug up borewells beside ponds and solar panels were installed to power the motor pump. This idea worked as nearly 18 such ponds were restored.

The Nagarahole National Park is spread across 643 Square Kilometres and has been divided into 8 Zones — Nagarahole, Kallahalla, Veeranahosahalli, Hunsur, Anechowkur, Antharasanthe, D.B. Kuppe and Metikuppe. Mavukal Reserve Forest has been included under wildlife division of Anechowkur range, said Nagarahole Wildlife Division ACF Prasanna Kumar. To protect forest from summer, the Department is planning to lay fire-lines, he added.

Bountiful rains smile on Bandipur denizens



A view of Mangala Dam in Bandipur that is full to the brim.

Mysuru Dec. 26 (MTY&BCT)- Heavy rains that lashed Chamarajanagar district since the arrival of South-West and North-East monsoon has brought relief to the denizens of Bandipur National Park. Almost all the lakes inside the Park have been filled up.

The Bandipur Tiger Reserve is spread across 1,02,700 hectares (1,027 sq kms) and the forest area covers a total of 13 ranges including three in Bandipur, four in Gundlupet and six in Hediyala.

Among the 373 lakes in Bandipur, 350 lakes had completely gone dry. Almost all the lakes are full to the brim now owing to heavy rainfall. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* Bandipur Project Tiger Director T. Balachandra said that only 10 to 15 lakes are full to its half level.

"This is the first time in December that these lakes are full and they won't go dry sooner as the ground water has been recharged now after a dry spell of more than five years," he said and added that there will be no problem during summer this year. Some of the lakes that are full now are Bandipurakere, Hangalakere, Chennammanakatte, Erekatte, Mantallikere, Mudaganoorukere, Billenahosahallikere, Bheemanakatte and Baanerikere.

As summer sets in Bandipur, it is common for wild animals to migrate to Kabini, Nagarahole and Mudumalai forests in search of water from January to May. "This year, there won't be any migration, thanks to rains and the lush green lakes. Also, the Forest Department had taken desperate measures including solar borewells and other artificial ways of filling up the lakes," he added.

Also, for the first time since 35 years, the Mangala Dam has reached its maximum level as several lakes inside Bandipur Tiger Reserve have breached and the water has reached the Dam. Last year's rain recharged the ground water at the Dam and this year, it is full to the brim after the ground was able to hold water.

The Mangala Dam has been declared as a Dry Dam by the Water Resources Department. This year though as the Dam received bountiful rains, it is full to the brim. One of the canals from the Dam is leaking and the Forest Department has placed sand bags to minimise the leakage. The forest authorities have written to the Water Resources Department to plug the leak.

Drunken man spends night in a garbage dumpster, rescued

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&BCT)- A man was found trapped in a heap of stinking garbage on Tuesday morning by the Pourakarmikas of Mysuru City Corporation.

The Pourakarmikas, meandering around the city collecting the garbage dumpsters and emptying them into tippers, spotted the man amidst the rubbish. If he was not spotted on time, the garbage truck's hydraulic compactor, which is used to crush rubbish, was likely to crush his body. Despite the trauma, the man was responsive when the workers found him.

Actually, the man was in an inebriated condition and after consuming alcohol to his heart's content, the man climbed the dumpster to sleep. He had not realised that he was actually getting into a dumpster placed behind RMC Market. Promptly, the residents and merchants of surrounding localities dumped garbage inside the dumpster as usually they do.

Probably due to his inebriated condition, the man did not sense the smell of muck and dirt around him. Or the morning cold made him squeeze between garbage bags. When MCC Pourakarmikas came in a tipper lorry to collect garbage, one of them saw a leg sticking out of the overflowing roadside container.

He immediately alerted the other workers. The workers then pulled him out of the garbage pile. Examining him, the workers realised that he was alive and was drunk. They sprinkled water on his face and the man suddenly became active. "I am fine and there is nothing wrong with me," he blabbered.

Garbage collected from the RMC Yard is transported to a compost plant at the solid waste management unit in Vidyaranyapuram. If the Pourakarmikas had not noticed him, he would have been dumped in the garbage processing machine that would have crushed the man's body.

"He is lucky that we noticed him or else he would have died," said a Pourakarmika. The Pourakarmikas then took the drunken man to K.R. Hospital and was allowed to go after a medical check-up. Doctors certified that he was healthy and bore no injuries on his body.

BSNL Asst. General Manager booked for cheating MUDA

Through false affidavits, he managed to get three sites in Dattagalli, Vijayanagar and Devanoor

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has finally filed a case against a Central Government officer who managed to get MUDA to sanction three house sites.

Now after 25 years, the MUDA has acted and filed a case against the officer in Lakshmipuram Police Station.

The officer in question is M.N. Ramakrishna, Assistant General Manager of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) who submitted false affidavits to claim three MUDA sites. The written complaint has been filed on Dec. 24 by MUDA Special Tahsildar R.B. Shivakumar against Ramakrishna for cheating (Section 420 of Indian Penal Code).

The scam came to light after RTI activist B.N. Nagendra obtained documents from MUDA. As per the documents obtained from MUDA, three sites — one each in Dattagalli Third Stage, Vijayanagar Fourth Stage and Devanoor Second Stage — were sanctioned to Ramakrishna under Central Government employee quota in 1991 and 1994.

Ramakrishna had affixed his date of birth as May 13, 1960 and has mentioned in three applications that he is the son of late H.S. Nanjundaiah. Ramakrishna, when he was 29 years old, had applied for a 30X40 site in March 1989 under Central Government quota and mentioned his designation as Junior Telecom Officer.

Again in 1991 March 2, he applied for another site and again he had mentioned his designation as Junior Telecom Officer. Not stopping at this, Ramakrishna, when he was 32 years old, applied for another site in March 1992. Here he had mentioned his designation as Telecom District Manager.

There is no provision to allot sites in the name of a person, who already owns a MUDA site. The title deeds of Dattagalli and Vijayanagar sites were issued on the same day on June 6, 1994. MUDA had sanctioned a site for Ramakrishna at Devanoor Second Stage on February 6, 1991.

Abetment to suicide: Woman, paramour sentenced to 5 years imprisonment

Mysuru, Dec.26- A District Court has sentenced a woman and her paramour to five years imprisonment for abetting the suicide of the woman's husband. The Court also imposed a penalty of Rs.5,000 on the woman and Rs.15,000 on her paramour. Devamani, 35, of Dadadalli village in H.D.Kote taluk and Gopalaiah, 40, are the ones who are sentenced.

Devamani got married to Kariyayya of Teranimunti village in H.D.Kote taluk about 12 years ago and the couple had two male children. But after a few years, Devamani developed an illicit relationship with one Gopalaiah of Teranimunti village, following which Gopalaiah used to frequent Devamani's house. Although Kariyayya objected to his wife's affair with Gopalaiah, Devamani continued to have relationship. Kariyayya caught his wife Devamani and her paramour when they were together in the house on the night of Sept.24, 2015, following which a wordy duel broke out between Kariyayya and Gopalaiah and at one point of time Devamani and Gopalaiah asked Kariyayya to hang himself from a tree if he had any objections to their affair.

Dejected by the humiliating remarks of his wife and her paramour, Kariyayya ended his life by hanging self. The Sargur Police, who registered a case, arrested Devamani and Gopalaiah for abetting suicide and submitted charge-sheet against the duo at the Court.

Hunsur's Eighth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge B. Madhusudhan, who heard the case, convicted Devamani and her paramour Gopalaiah of the charges and sentenced them to five years imprisonment.

The Judge also imposed a total penalty of Rs.20,000 on the duo to be distributed equally between the two sons of the deceased Kariyayya, besides mentioning that the two can file an application for claiming a higher compensation from the Government under the Karnataka Victim Compensation Scheme. Public Prosecutor Ajit Kumar D. Hamigi argued on behalf of the State.

Unidentified man admitted to hospital, critical

Mysuru, Dec.26- A 50-year-old unidentified sick man, who was being treated at T.Narasipur Government Hospital for the past couple of days, is now said to be critical. The Hospital Medical Officer has written to the Police to initiate further action in this regard, as the unidentified man, whose condition is critical, has to be shifted to a Hospital in Mysuru for higher treatment.

Man dies after fall

Mysuru, Dec.26- A 30-year-old ailing man died after he collapsed and fell on to the road in the city on Wednesday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Ashok (30) of Hosayeraganahalli in Mandya district. Ashok, who was reportedly suffering from Jaundice, was walking on the road near Akashavani Circle, when he collapsed and died. His wife had predeceased him a few days ago, according to the Police.

ASI injured as Police vehicle hits electric pole in Hunsur

Hunsur, Dec. 26 (Raghu&US)- Assistant Police Sub-Inspector Rudregowda of Hunsur Town Police Station was injured when the Police vehicle he was travelling in and driven by Constable Shekar allegedly hit an electric pole near Kalpatharu Circle here today.

The pole got uprooted due to the impact damaging the vehicle badly. Shekar, however, escaped unhurt. The public have urged the authorities concerned to instal a new electric pole soon. CESC AEE Siddappa and Assistant Engineer Umesh visited the spot.

Obituary

Aftab Ahmed Khan

Mysuru, Dec.26- Aftab Ahmed Khan (Altaf), electric contractor, Janatha Electricals and a resident of Udayagiri, passed away this morning. He was 81.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, son Asif Ahmed Khan (Kuwait) and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Masjid-e-Azam at Esha followed by burial at Muslim burial grounds near Tipu Circle.

Siddamma Madushetty

Ponnampet: Siddamma Madushetty (65), a Madiwala community member and resident of Mahatma Gandhinagar, Ponnampet in Kodagu, passed away at her daughter's residence at Kadakola in Mysuru taluk on Wednesday. She leaves behind her daughter, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Hindu burial grounds on Balele Road, Ponnampet, this afternoon.

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Hells of Garuda Purana

The Garuda Purana is one of the 18 Puranas composed by Ved Vyasa in order to explain Vedic principles. It was in a forest called Naimisha, where the narration happened for the first time. In the story, Vyasa says that the Garuda Purana was narrated by Vishnu to Garuda to explain what happens after death, hence the name Garuda Purana.

It basically has two parts, the first is called the Purva Khanda and the second is called the Preta Khanda. The Purva Khanda is a generic Purana, which has details related to matters of faith, pilgrimage, temple-building, ethical living and also information regarding gems and astrology.

What makes Garuda Purana unique is its Preta Khanda, in which a detailed description is given on what happens after death.

It states that a few days after someone's death, the preta, or the soul, lingers around the body and has to be gently coaxed to go along with Yama, or the messengers of Yama known as Yama-doots, to the land of the dead, or Pitra-loka, which is located on the other side of the Vaitarani.

In older scriptures, the dead wait impatiently in Pitra-loka till the day of rebirth. Their future lives are determined by their past karmas. However, in the Garuda Purana, we hear that while they are waiting for rebirth, the dead may be tortured by Yama on the basis of past lives, in multiple realms for various crimes. The tortures are creative and include impalement, dismemberment, burning and boiling.

While we are warned of how the dead will be tortured for past crimes, we are also told that these can be minimised by giving a different kind of donation to the priest. Which gives this document a critical role in justifying the fees of the priest who conducted the funerals.

Such a description of hell is found in Buddhism and Jainism also and probably reveals the influence of Zoroastrian and Christian ideas that came to India via the North-west nearly 1,800 years ago. In purely karmic metaphysics, there is no need for heaven or hell as good deeds of past lives shape future lives. However, this inclusion of heaven and hell is seen as a simple tool used by certain authorities to control the behaviour of the living to live an ethical life.

The interesting thing is that the descriptions are gory, akin to ideas from Dante's Divine Comedy, composed in the 14th century, which also speaks of hell, purgatory and heaven. We find many similarities between the two scriptures with punishment being given to thieves, liars, cheats, adulterers and corrupt politicians. Special hells are reserved for each category.

But, there are also differences. In Dante's work, based on Christian mythology, those who are not baptised and those who indulge in sorcery have special hells. These do not find much mention in Garuda Purana, which has special hells for people who torture animals, revealing the importance given to animal life. Something that is considered to be the massive influence of non-violent monastic orders, such as Buddhism and Jainism.

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DIGITALISATION Boon or Bane ?

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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Author V. Girish

Inventor and futurist Ray Kurzweil

Ballal

Rajinikanth in 'Robot.'

One look at the giant strides we have made at digitalisation, it is scary. You buy an electronic product and in three months it is outdated! For someone who has seen six decades of life, I can safely say that I am an outdated model.

As I was browsing the *Facebook*, someone had posted a visual of 12 numbers and they wanted us to choose a number from that 12. In a minute the visual changed and the number I had chosen in my mind vanished ! It may look like Copperfield's magic but it is not. The visual in the computer could read my eyes ! Time is not far off when the same computer will be able to read our minds and produce the picture or visual of our liking. We are heading there.

But if indeed the computer is able to read our minds, what is going to be the result of that ? I am reminded of a small video film made on this subject:

A rich man was living happily in his mansion with his family. Once God appeared before him and told him that he would grant him a boon since he also was a great devotee. The rich man asked God to give him a glass, wearing which he could read other people's mind. The God smiled and told him to ask for some other wish and said that this boon will cause him misery. The rich man insisted and the God granted him his boon. Next day morning as he sat in his garden, his daughter- in-law came with his morning tea. Smiling she wished him and poured his customary tea.

Meanwhile, this rich man put on his glasses to check what his daughter-in-law was thinking. He was in for a shock of his life. She was thinking "when is this old man going to die, at least it will relieve me of this early morning torture of serving tea to him."

The rich man quietly removed the glasses, had his tea and went back to his room. This experience shook him up. He realised that except his wife everyone was hoping that he would die early. He remembered the words of God who had warned him that this wish would bring about misery to him. Just in a matter of ten days this man who was basking in happiness became a nervous wreck.

What is the moral of this film? It is better that certain things remain a mystery. What a man thinks and what he tells are two different things and if both come out in open it can lead to a lot of confusion and problems.

Another example of this is how no one is able to foretell "the time of death." If one knows in advance that he or she would be dead on a certain date, they would be unhappy all those years they live, waiting for the ultimate death. That is the reason even astrologers do not tell this one aspect of life when they give their predictions.

On 19th of December I was invited for a book launch at Mysore Sports Club. I used to be a book worm but of late have become a phone addict spending time sending meaningless good morning and good night messages! This book *"Operation Maya"* is written by one **V. Girish,** an entrepreneur, who runs an ethical hacking unit at Bengaluru. Courtesy, Shubha Urs the dynamic Chairperson of the Mysore Book Clubs, I was made to sit on the dais and a book was gifted to me too !

But what made the day special was the presentation by Girish on the strides made on digitalisation. "Bone chilling" is the right word to explain the mood in the hall after his presentation.

Girish talked about his personal experience since he was part of a project called "Singularity" funded by *Google*. This team is headed by a software wizard called **Ray Kurzweil,** an Israeli. The purpose of this project, very simple: **"Hack human brains."**

It is a well-known fact that even genius only use about 20 percent of the brain capacity. So if brain gets controlled by a machine, then it can programme and feed the brain and fill it with materials and information to make it a super-human. Each brain can be a mini *Google!* For example, if a computer feeds a human brain with Vedas, he or she can be a Veda expert in a matter of minutes ! Recollect **Rajinikanth's** film *Robot?*

Time-frame for this sinister project of creating super-humans is 2029. Would they succeed? Ten years back, could anyone have visualised smart phones, tablets etc. So this technology leap of creating super-humans is a possibility and we should be prepared for it.

If you recollect there have been many a films on this subject of Man Vs Machine conflict. We may have laughed at it but there is a distinct possibility of this being a reality. Imagine, someone sitting in an office at US controlling 10,000 opinion-makers in India including our Prime Minister. Scary? Can one stop the progress of new innovations which benefit humankind? Of course not, but these experiments may lead to uncontrollable situations. That is why tech giants like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates have expressed strong reservations to stop these experiments. Any solution? Simple. Cultivate the habit of reading books and get de-addicted from smart phones. Easily said than done. But at least we can start from youngsters and Girish suggested some sort of child-lock system to be incorporated in phones for the kids which ensures that they can only watch clean programmes and messages. Will the phone manufacturers agree ?

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Solar eclipse: Sky gazing in city

Traffic Police on duty at KR Circle gazing the sky to witness the annular solar eclipse this morning.

Enthusiastic sky-watchers at Chamaraja Mohalla using sun filters to watch the solar eclipse.

The Crescent Sun captured near All India Institute of Speech and Hearing at 8.30 am.

Students and staff of JSS Institutions using sun filters to watch the celestial phenomenon at Oval Grounds.

At Oval Grounds: Curious children and elders alike trying out a mobile application which is said to help the viewer watch the solar eclipse despite the weather being cloudy.

School children from across the city assembled at Oval Grounds this morning to witness the solar spectacle.

One of the School teachers explaining about the solar eclipse at Oval Grounds. Curious school children watching the eclipse through Pinhole Camera at the venue.

Students of Kautilya Vidyalaya witnessing the annular solar eclipse in the School premises. Over 1,000 students watched the celestial event using sun filters, under the guidance and supervision of science teachers who also demonstrated the rare phenomenon.

The sky gazers at Manasagangothri premises in awe as the cloud moves away to give a clear view of eclipse.

A group of School children at Oval Grounds with a science model to witness the spectacular eclipse.

Hari Vidyalaya in Bogadi had made arrangements for staff, students and general public to watch the rare solar eclipse in four different ways — Telescope, Pinhole Camera, Ball Mirror Reflection and Solar Filters. Resource Person Sridhar explained about the eclipse. Vidyalaya Secretary H.R. Bhagavan, Principal Dr. V. Sharath and staff too witnessed the event.

Mysuru Eclipsed !

ECLIPSE EFFECT: ***K.R. Circle wore a deserted look this morning.***

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Office-bearers and volunteers of Mysore Science Foundation had distributed protective goggles for all the viewers. They were explaining to viewers that how the awe-inspiring event should not be viewed, even for a short time, without proper eye protection. They were warning that sun gazing during a solar eclipse or even during normal daylight hours can burn a spot in the retina, which can lead to permanent blindness.

CM sits at home, PM tweets

Interestingly, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has no official engagement until 4 pm today and was holed up at his 'Dhavalagiri' residence in Bengaluru's Dollars Colony. However, it is unclear whether the cancellation of engagements it is due to the eclipse.

"Like many Indians, I was enthusiastic about the Solar Eclipse. Unfortunately, I could not see the sun due to cloud cover but I did catch glimpses of the eclipse in Kozhikode and other parts on live stream. Also enriched my knowledge on the subject by interacting with experts," tweeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ranji match delayed

The start of the second day's play of the ongoing Ranji match between Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh at Mysuru has also been delayed due to the eclipse. According to sources, the match started an hour and 45 minutes later than the scheduled time of 9.30 am due to the solar eclipse.

At Kutta in South Kodagu, thousands of school children and public viewed the celestial event at Kaimaani Estate coffee drying yard of Kolera Ravi Cariappa in Kaimaani where special arrangements were made. Also, children flocked the estate owned by Chekkera Dharmaja Devaiah at Kutta for sky-gazing.

But the clear-sky view of the celestial event was marred by cloudy weather.

12 Mysureans head to Bekal Beach in Kerala for best view

The 'Ring of Fire' formation during the Annular Solar Eclipse was best viewed by a group of Mysureans at Bekal Beach in Kerala. The 12-member group reached the Beach early in the morning and began preparing for the grand spectacle.

The group was led by Dr. S.N. Prasad, well-known 'Eclipse Chaser' and former Principal and Professor of Physics, Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru. He clicked the photos while others watched, awe-struck.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* from Bekal, M.B. Mahesh and Dr. Prasad said that the view was fantastic. "We came in cars from Mysore and the view is worth a treasure. It was an un-hindered view and the sky was clear. The 'Ring of Fire' was hovering over us and it was mesmerising," they said.

It is Dr. Prasad's 6th Solar Eclipse since 1980. He has observed total solar eclipses in China (2009), Indonesia (2016), and USA (2017) besides India (1980).

A view of solar eclipse captured on Mysuru sky.

Solar eclipse at Srirangapatna.

Solar eclipse at Gundlupet.

A pestle is placed on a plate filled with water in front of all houses at Uganiya village in the border district of Chamarajanagar. Such a practice is followed in almost all the villages in the area. There is a belief that the pestle balanced on a plate will ward off all the evil effects on their homes and families during eclipse. The pestle that stood on the plate falls off the moment eclipse is over.

Over 10,000 stage demo against CAA, NRC in city

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Claiming that the Act has deliberately left out the minority Muslim community, he said that the community and other secular minded people of the country vehemently oppose the CAA as well as the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC) as they were discriminatory against the minority community. Terming the CAA and NRC as unconstitutional, he maintained that a majority of Muslims will lose their citizenship and will be interned in the detention camps already being set up in some States.

Tajuddin said that a memorandum will be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, opposing the implementation of CAA and NRC.

The protestors, who carried the National Flags, held placards that read 'We Indians stand against NRC and CAA', 'We reject CAA, we reject NRC' etc., and raised slogans against the BJP-led Government at the Centre.

The Police had made elaborate security arrangements in and around the Town Hall, deploying a posse of Policemen, 10 KSRP Batallions,15 CAR platoons and Mounted Police. Every person entering the Town Hall was checked by the Police at the entry gates as a security measure.

The Trust office-bearers Dr. Shakeeb-ur-Rahman, Khaleel-ur-Rahman, Maqbool Ahmed, Mohammad Zakaulla and Jameel Ahmed, Social activist P. Mallesh and others took part in the demostration.

Who will be MCC Brand Ambassador for Swachh Survekshan-2020?

City Corporation proposes names of Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Prof. M. Krishnegowda

Mysuru, Dec.26 (BCT)- What's in store for Mysuru, the two-time winner of Cleanest City Tag this year? The question will be answered during the announcement of Swachh Survekshan-2020. In a few days, the field work for the Survekshan will begin and the process will be formalised under Swachh Bharat Mission launched by Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Pramoda Devi

M. Krishnegowda

Accordingly, survey teams will visit cities that have made a mark in cleanliness and rate them on various parameters including clean roads, lanes, by-lanes, open defecation, garbage clearance and processing, recycling and public participation. The analysis and computations of the survey will be compiled to declare the results.

Preparing itself for the Survekshan, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has started the process of identifying the Brand Ambassador for the Swachh Survekshan-2020. It has to be a VIP who is popular personality and at the same time, should be able to connect with the city residents, goading them to maintain clean surroundings and helping the MCC to regain the top spot.

Mysuru was adjudged the Cleanest City in 2015 and 2016 but was fifth in 2017. In 2018, Mysuru was ranked the cleanest medium-sized city (with 3 lakh to one million population) in the country. The Swachh Survekshan 2019 results put Mysuru in the third position. Mysuru was among only three cities which qualified for a 5-star rating under a new garbage-free certification protocol introduced under Swachh Survekshan 2019.

Last year, cricketer Javagal Srinath and seven-year-old Rifah Taskeen were selected as Brand Ambassadors. While Srinath had made a mark in the national and international cricket, Rifah Taskeen created a record by driving heavy vehicles — a task considered impossible for her age. Both of them were actively involved by the MCC for cleanliness campaigns.

This year, the MCC has proposed the names of member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and stand-up comedian Prof. M. Krishnegowda. By proposing their names as Brand Ambassadors, the MCC feels that they can make a difference and can easily connect with people.

Also, Mysureans have a great regard for both, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar who is steering the royal family and effectively managing royal assets and properties and Prof. Krishnegowda who, as the former Principal of St. Philomena's College and a stand-up comedian, has gained fame locally, nationally and globally. An added advantage for both is that they are Mysureans and people can be persuaded to do their bit to help MCC to secure the top rank.

MCC officials said that the Civic Body did its best in improving the city's status on the Swachh front. The idea is to ensure no garbage or litter was found in any public, commercial or residential area, except in the litter bins and 100 percent of solid waste generated was scientifically handled.

Door-to-door collection of waste and segregation at source, sweeping of public places and other areas to ensure no garbage on the streets and roads and scientific processing of waste are among the areas that are being looked into.

Malgudi Express engine derails near Bengaluru

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&DM)- Call it a *Grahana Effect* (Solar eclipse) or anything else, passengers travelling in the Mysuru-Bengaluru-Yelahanka Malgudi Express train were put into a lot of inconvenience this morning as the engine of the train reportedly got derailed near Nayandahalli, close to Bengaluru City.

The train left Mysuru City Railway Station at its scheduled time of 8.25 am and as the train was approaching Nayandahalli Station, between Kengeri and KSR Bengaluru City Railway Station, at about 10.45 am, engine of the train derailed due to a technical slag, forcing the train to halt. Although there was no damage to the train and none of the passengers were hurt in the incident, the passengers of the train were left stranded. Many were tensed as they either had to go to offices or catch connecting trains or a flight.

Technical staff of the Railways rushed to the spot to rectify the problem, but it took over a couple of hours to restore the engine wheels back on track, according to SWR officials at Bengaluru.

As the train halted near Nayandahalli for over a couple of hours, schedule of all other trains running between Mysuru and B'luru too was thrown out of gear.

Mysore Memories ...

Triveni: Mysore's very own Jane Austen

Her wit, irony, critique and realistic portrayal of the often deplorable condition of young women in our society made her one of the most popular Kannada writers of her day. Probably among the first to weave Psychology into her in-depth narratives, no facet of existence, however subtle or shockingly obvious was ever left out. Readers and movie-goers related to her characters on a level that was hitherto unseen. Here is a brief biographical sketch of a genius whose life was sadly very short lived...

Triveni, though named Bhagirathi, was registered in the school records as 'Anasuya' and was fondly called 'Anchu' at home.

By Dr. S.N. Bhagirath

Bhagirathi was born in Mandya on 1st of September, 1928 to parents B.M. Krishnaswamy and Thangamma. Krishnaswamy was the younger brother of the doyen of Kannada literature B.M. Srikantaiah and practised law. Bhagirathi's younger sister Aryamba Pattabhi was also a famous Kannada writer. The sisters were born into a lineage of writers. Their aunt was another famous Kannada novelist Vani (B.N. Subbamma). Other prominent litterateurs in the family included the likes of Ashwatha, Ramachandra Sharma and Rajalakshmi N. Rao.

Though named Bhagirathi, she was registered in the school records as 'Anasuya' and was fondly called 'Anchu' at home.

She had her schooling at Mandya before moving to Mysore for her Intermediate qualification. She did her Bachelor's degree at Maharaja's College, Mysore, in her chosen subjects — Psychology, Sociology and Political Science. She graduated in 1947 and won the 'Siddegowda Gold Medal' for scoring the highest marks. She was also awarded the 'Thathaiah Award'.

About this time, she met S.N. Shankar who was doing his Honours in English Literature at Maharaja's College, Mysore. The two shared many an engaging discussion on their shared

B.M. Srikantaiah

literary interests. She finally got married to Shankar in 1951, who was by now teaching English at Sarada Vilas College, Mysore. Soon after her education, for a brief period, she taught at an elementary school in Mandya before giving it up.

An asthmatic since childhood, her involvement in sports was limited. Since her younger years, she took avidly to reading voraciously. This contributed a great deal towards her writing sojourn. Her first novel *"Hoovu Hannu"* was penned in 1950. She was fluent in Kannada, English and Bengali and wrote under the pen name **'Triveni'.**

As to why she chose this pen name remains unclear to this day. It is rumoured that the famous Kannada writer M.K. Indira after observing young Bhagirathi's lush mane of hair remarked that she was blessed with enough hair on her head for three full length braids (and hence Tri-veni!).

She wrote for nearly 12 years and her output during this time was prolific. She wrote 21 novels, the last of which she left incomplete and was later finished on her behalf by another famous writer M.C. Padma. She wrote 41 short stories distributed across three volumes during these years.

Some of her famous novels include *"Sothu Geddavalu"* (1954), *"Bekkina Kannu"* (1954), *"Doorada Betta"* (1955), *"Bellimoda"* (1959), *"Sharapanjara"* (1962), *"Vasantha Gana"* (1962) and *"Hennele Chiguridaga"* (1963). Her three collected volumes of short stories were *"Eradu Manassu"* (1960) with 12 stories, *"Samasyeya Magu"* (1961) with 15 stories and *"Hendathiya Hesaru"* (1958) with 14 stories.

Her Writing

Women's plight in society (especially women who were left to fend for themselves) was superbly portrayed by Triveni in her novels *"Apasvara"* and *"Apajaya"*. Her novels, probably for the first time in modern Kannada literature incorporated 'Psychology' into the mainstream narrative. Sexual exploitation, financial exploitation and familial pressures on women were explored exhaustively. These struck a chord with readers because they were highly contemporaneous. Her writing was never devoid of humour. Triveni was able to portray the retired life of an elderly patriarch with ample humour — the never-ending worries, the restless temptations of the palate, the failing health and the commendable impetus to prevent in one's children — the mistakes one had committed in their own time!

Her exploration of psychiatric conditions and their effect in day to day social life and more importantly how these aberrations were perceived by society at large were truly novel for her time. L.S. Sheshagiri Rao (late) even remarked that it was her early brush with Psychology in college that enabled her to so beautifully capture the nuances of several, otherwise troubling scenarios, in so eminently readable a fashion. She is often likened to the famous English novelist Jane Austen. It is pertinent here to remember the help rendered to Triveni by C.K. Vasudeva Rao, who was then a Psychologist at the Mental Asylum. He not only presented to her many a case history which she later chronicled as novellas *(Mucchida Bagilu)*, but on one occasion facilitated Triveni to spend nearly two hours 'locked up' in the asylum with some of the inmates.

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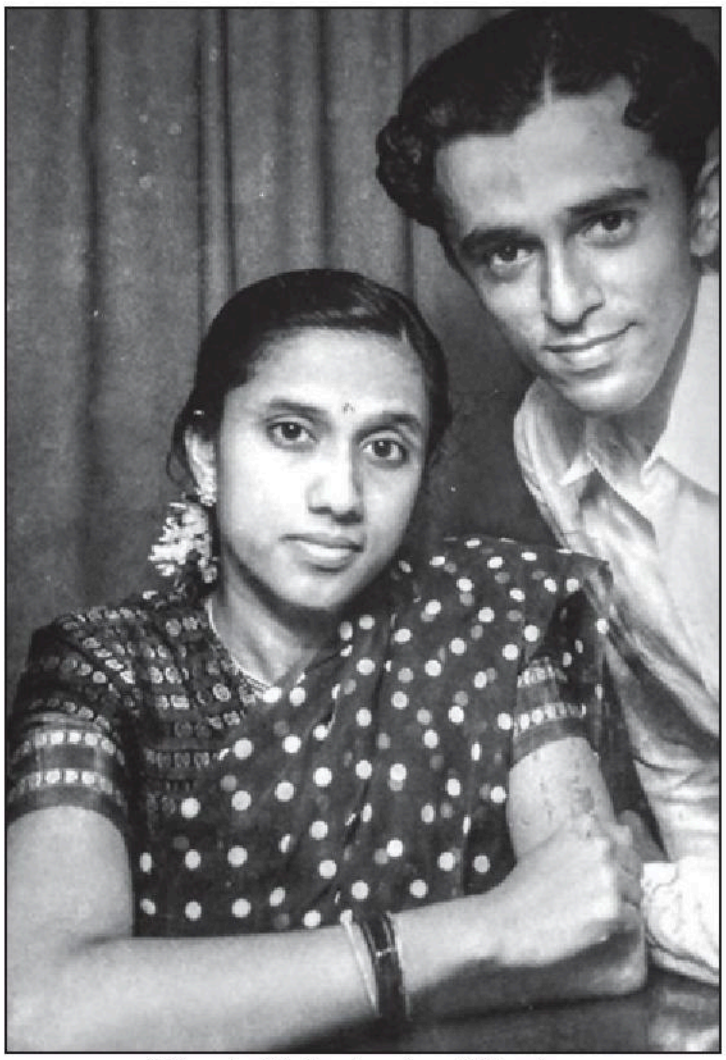

Triveni with her husband Shankar.

Ranji Trophy: Karnataka Vs Himachal Pradesh

Kanwar Abhinay excels for Himachal

Karnataka strikes back with medium-pacers

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Karnataka came back into the game fighting reducing Himachal Pradesh to 29 for three in 17 overs, before their dismal show with the willow in the first innings when they were bowled out for 166, on day one of the four-day Elite Group Ranji Trophy encounter at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here yesterday.

Batting first, Karnataka were in trouble from the start, when Himachal Pradesh's medium pacer Kanwar Abhinay playing his first 1st Class match after two-years, struck in the first ball of the match, when opener Mayank Agarwal, slashed at one outside off-stump to be gobbled up by wicket-keeper Ankush Bains.

Devdutt Padikkal (0), flicked one straight to the square-leg fielder and R. Samarth (4), played across and was leg-before to medium-pacer Kanwar Abhinay. Karnataka was in trouble at 10 for three. Nischal (16), after a sedate innings, was leg-before to Rishi Dhawan (4-30). Skipper Karun Nair and Shreyas Gopal batted comfortably and added valuable 56-runs for the fifth wicket, before Shreyas (27) departed shouldering arms to pacer Vaibhav Arora.

Karun Nair impresses

Skipper Karun Nair batted freely and executed some sweetly timed cover, off and on-drives in front of the wicket. Karun and Mysuru lad J. Suchith (10) and later Abhimanyu Mithun (21) added valuable runs to the score, before Suchith and Mithun fell. Running out of partners, Karun Nair (81, 185b, 8x4) attempted a pull shot, but could not clear the deep-mid-wicket fielder. Karnataka was bowled out for 166 in 67.2 overs.

Medium-pacer Kanwar Abhinay impressed for Himachal by taking five for 37. Dhawan three for 27 and Vaibhav Arora two for 41 lent him good support.

Himachal Pradesh's fast bowler Kanwar Abhinay (centre) celebrating a wicket during the Ranji Trophy encounter against Karnataka at SDNR Wadiyar Grounds in city yesterday.

Solar Eclipse delays match today

Due to the Solar Eclipse from 8.04 am to 11.05 am, the second day's play today (Dec.26) began at 11.15 am and an interesting day's play is in the offing with both the teams competing hard to gain the first innings lead.

REVISED TIMINGS

Morning	:	**11.15 am to 12 noon**
Post Lunch	:	**12.40 pm to 3.10 pm**
Post Tea	:	**3.30 pm to 5.30 pm**

Karnataka strikes back

Medium-pacers V. Koushik and Prateek Jain struck vital blows to the Himachal Pradesh's top order by sending back key batsman in Prashanth Chopra and Ankit Kalsi and reduced the side to 29/3 in 17 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

Karnataka: 166 in 67.2 overs (Karun Nair 81, Shreyas Gopal 27, Abhimanyu Mithun 21, Kanwar Abhinay 5/37, Rishi Dhawan 3/27, Vaibhav Arora 2/41) Vs **Himachal Pradesh:** 29/3 in 17 overs (Priyanshu 14 n.o., Prateek 2/11, V. Koushik 1/10).

Karnataka skipper Karun Nair seen waving his bat after his fifty. Also seen is J. Suchith.

Leander Paes to retire in 2020

New Delhi, Dec. 26- Indian tennis icon Leander Paes yesterday announced that he will bring the curtains down on his illustrious career in 2020, which will be his farewell season on the Pro-circuit.

His cupboard overflowing with hundreds of trophies, that include 18 coveted Grand Slam Doubles titles, the 46-year-old has been enduring a lean patch

for some time.

Paes, who is the most successful Doubles player in the history of Davis Cup with 44 wins, recently dropped out of top-100 for the first time in 19 years.

"I want to announce 2020 as my farewell year as a pro tennis player," Paes wrote in a statement, which he posted on his *twitter* handle. "I am looking forward to the 2020 tennis calendar where I will be playing a few select tournaments, travelling with my team and celebrating with all my friends and fans around the world," the statement read further.

DYES Mysuru women win

State-level Senior Hockey

Mysuru, Dec. 26- The women's hockey team of the Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports (DYES), Mysuru, overpowered Sports Authority of India (SAI), Madikeri, 2-0 in the final to win the State-level Senior Women's Hockey Tournament in Mysuru at Chamundi Vihar Hockey Grounds recently.

In the Junior (U-19) category, SAI, Madikeri, won the title, while DYES Mysuru finished runner-up.

Player of the Tournament: S.P. Kruthika (DYES Mysuru); Best Goal-Keeper: G.B. Shravya (DYES Mysuru); Best Defender: Sowmyashree (DYES Mysuru); Best Mid-fielder: P.A. Pavithra (SAI, Madikeri); Best Forward: Vidya (SAI, Madikeri).

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. B'lore	Dep. B'lore	Arr. Mys
22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Express	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	12.50 am (Sun)	03.15 am (Sun)
12610/12609	Mysuru-Chennai Express (Super Fast)	04.45 am	07.45 am	08.10 pm	11.30 pm
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.30 am (Mon)	08.00 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	05.50 am	08.55 am	05.45 pm	08.40 pm
[NOTE: This extended train 17326 departs Ashokapuram at 5.15 am to reach Mysore City Railway Station at 5.25 am; Similarly, on arrival, Train No. 17325 will leave Mysore City Railway Station at 8.55 pm to reach Ashokapuram at 9.15 pm].					
66554/66551	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	06.10 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.45 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Express	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.50 pm (Thu)	11.30 pm (Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Express	07.20 am	09.55 am	12.20 am	02.35 am
		(Tue & Thu)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16023/16024	Mysore-Yelahanka-Malgudi Exp. (Super Fast)	08.25 am	10.55 am	01.30 pm	04.00 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.40 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
19668/19667	Palace Queen Weekly Humsafar Express (Mysuru-Udaipur City-Mysuru)	10.00 am (Thu)	12.10 pm (Thu)	01.50 pm (Wed)	04.25 pm (Wed)
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (Super Fast)	10.40 am	12.55 pm	01.00 pm	03.30 pm
		(Thursday and Saturday)		(Wednesday and Friday)	

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12613/12614	Tipu Express (Super Fast)	11.30 am	02.00 pm	03.15 pm	05.45 pm
16315/ 16316	Mysuru- Bengaluru-Kochuveli Express	12.50 pm	4.35 pm	8.45 am	11.20 am
17307/17308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Express	01.30 pm	04.30 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
66552/66553	Mysore-Bangalore MEMU Passenger	01.45 pm	05.00 pm	07.10 pm	10.20 pm
12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
12786/12785	Kacheguda-Bengaluru Express	03.15 pm	05.40 pm	06.40 am	09.40 am
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Express	03.45 pm	06.30 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai (Super Fast)	04.30 pm	06.45 pm	06.00 am	08.20 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.10 pm	08.20 pm	07.20 am	10.20 am
16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.20 pm	09.05 pm	07.00 am	10.10 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.35 pm	09.30 pm	03.30 am	06.00 am
		(Tuesday and Thursday)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Express	07.00 pm	09.55 pm	06.20 am	09.10 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Express	07.30 pm	10.30 pm	04.30 am	07.45 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Express	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.50 pm (Wed)	05.35 am (Fri)	08.00 am (Fri)
06576/06575	Mysuru-KSR B'luru City MEMU Special	08.30 pm	11.20 pm	05.20 pm	08.20 pm
		(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat)		(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat)	
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	09.00 pm	11.45 pm	04.00 am	06.40 am
06562/ 06561	Mysore-Yelahanka MEMU Train	10.20 pm	12.45 am	3.10 am	5.35 am
11065/11066	Mysore-Renigunta Express	10.55 pm (Fri)	01.19 am (Sat)	12.35 am (Sun)	02.50 am (Sun)
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.15 am	11.55 pm	04.15 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJNAGAR (Passengers)

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. Ch'nagar	Dep. Ch'nagar	Arr. Mys
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.30 pm
56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.10 am	09.55 am (N'gud)	10.45 am (N'gud)	11.45 am
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.40 am	12.30 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.35 pm	02.35 pm	06.00 pm	08.00 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	03.00 pm	04.40 pm	05.00 pm	06.40 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.40pm	08.55 pm	10.45 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. A'kere	Dep. A'kere	Arr. Mys
11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm
		(Sunday)		(Friday)	
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.30 am	10.40 am	05.30 pm	09.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	07.45 am	03.40 pm	12.15 pm	08.05 pm
			(Yesvantpur)	(Yesvantpur)	
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.40 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Exp.	08.10 pm	11.05 pm	01.40 am	04.55 am
		(Friday)		(Wednesday)	
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.10 am	07.05 am
		Dep. Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep. Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	02.00 pm	08.55 pm	07.50 am	02.50 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

Train No.	Name	Departure	Arrival
16517/16523	Bengaluru-Kannur / Karwar Express	08.30 pm (B'lore)	11.00 pm (Mysore) [Sunday, Monday & Tuesday]
16518/16524	Kannur/ Karwar-Bengaluru Express	05.30 am (Mysore)	08.00 am (B'lore) [Friday, Saturday & Sunday]

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Director for Rangayana soon: District Minister

Mysuru, Dec.26 (YDS&US)- District Minister V. Somanna has assured that steps would be taken to appoint Director for Mysuru Rangayana soon.

He was replying to a question posed by press persons here on Dec.24 as to why the Director is not yet appointed for Rangayana especially when the popular Bahuroopi Theatre Festival would commence in a couple of days.

Somanna said that steps would be taken to ensure that regular theatre programmes would be continued in city.

He assured that he would contact the concerned Minister C.T. Ravi and discuss on the appointment of Rangayana Director and added that everything would be sorted out in two days.

When reporters questioned as to why the new buildings to house the offices of Deputy Commissioner and City Police Commissioner have not been occupied despite the buildings being ready an year ago, Somanna said that he has discussed on that matter with the DC and the City Police Commissioner.

He further said that the DC had told him that a few small works were pending in the new building, on completion of which the new building would be occupied.

He added that he would discuss with DGP regarding shifting the office of the Police Commissioner to the new building.

The Minister also disclosed that the reservation category of Mayor is yet to be announced which will also be made known soon.

KR BJP holds awareness programme on Citizenship Act

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RKB&DM)- Even as protests continue to rage across the country opposing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the KR Unit of the BJP held *'Janajagrutigagi Vichara Vinimaya,'* an awareness programme on CAA, marking the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Vidyashankara Kalyana Mantapa in Agrahara here yesterday.

The programme in which many Muslim leaders took part, was inaugurated by Agrahara'a Azam Khan Masjid Secretary Noorulla Sheriff.

Addressing the gathering, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas said that the Congress, which has lost power, was behind the anti-CAA protests going on in the country. Maintaining that many people from the Minority community had voted for the BJP in the last Lok Sabha polls, which the Congress lost badly, Ramdas accused the Congress of fanning protests and violence in the name of CAA.

Pointing out that the BJP has distributed pamphlets on CAA in Urdu language in order to clear the doubts of the Muslim brethren regarding the Act, Ramdas claimed that protests were going on only in BJP ruled States and wondered why there were no such protests in non-BJP ruled States.

Asserting that no Muslim citizen of the country would be driven out, Ramdas argued that the Act is primarily aimed at weeding out illegal immigrants from bordering countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Stating that Muslims need not be worried about the Act, Ramdas challenged the Congress to organise a similar programme at Town Hall in city where he will explain the bluff of the Congress.

He also questioned why the Congress, Communists and other Opposition parties, who are opposing the Act now, remained silent when the Bill was tabled in Parliament.

Asserting that there were no clashes regarding the CAA issue in KR Assembly segment, Ramdas once again lashed out at the Congress for misleading the Minority community.

Corporators B.V. Manjunath, Shantamma Vadivelu and Ramesh, KR BJP President Vadivelu, leaders Vidya Urs, Noor Fatima, GSS Foundation President Srihari and others were present.

Workshop on Life Skills held

Swathi Shahani, Co-ordinator of Life Skills prog., NIMHANS Hospital, Bengaluru, inaugurating the workshop on Life Skills in city recently. Others seen are (from left) S.S. Balappa, Resource Person, Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, lecturer, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, Alur Murthy, Organic Agriculturist and Founder of 'WE Shwasa', Dr. Manjuladevi, Professor at Kanakapura Government First Grade College, Puttaraju and Nagendra.

Mysuru, Dec.26- A one-day workshop on Life Skills, jointly organised by city based 'WE Shwasa,' Bengaluru-based NIMHANS and city-based Yuva Spandana Kendra, was held recently in city.

Swathi Shahani, Co-ordinator of the Life Skills programme, NIMHANS Hospital, Bengaluru, inaugurated the programme by watering a plant.

Speaking on the occasion, she said that youths were destroying their lives by getting addicted to various bad habits due to immense stress. She called upon the participants to develop mental concentration and not be influenced by stress.

Dr. Manjuladevi, Professor at Kanakapura Govt. First Grade College, who was the resource person, said that the present day syllabus was pro-curricular and she felt that proper representation should be given for extra curricular activities. She advised students to get training at the Spandana Youth Centres.

Puttaraju, Trainer of Life Skills at Kodagu District Youth Centre, said that the Department of Youth Empowerment was organising various programmes for youths and the youths should make use of it.

Alur Murthy, Organic Agriculturist and Founder of 'WE Shwasa,' who presided over the function, regretted that people were not eating organic foods. He advised the participants to use 'Siri Dhanyas' in their everyday life to keep up their good health.

Resource person and lecturer Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, S.S. Balappa, Shankarprasad Jain and others were present.

Book on theatre music released

Mysuru, Dec.26 (SPN&US)- Ranga Rathnakara, Bengaluru, had organised a programme at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar here recently for the release of the book 'Swara Prastharada Rangageethegalu' edited by senior theatre artiste late Dr. Sindhuvalli Ananthamurthy.

Speaking on the occasion, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajannaa commended Suruchi Rangamane evolving as a good cultural hub and a popular place for children to gain knowledge through stories. He opined that theatre music was on the verge of extinction and appreciated Ananthamurthy in coming out with a book on theatre music.

He said that Vijaya Sindhuvalli, wife of late Sindhuvalli Ananthamurthy, has been excellently carrying on story-telling at Suruchi Rangamane which has become very popular touching 400 sessions now.

Rajyotsava Awardee Dr. H.K. Ramanath, Programme Convenor of Suruchi Rangamane, was felicitated on the occasion.

Theatre songs were rendered on the occasion under the leadership of Professional Theatre Singer Hulikal Nagaraj accompanied by Rajappa and Nagendraprasad on harmonium, Jayaram on tabla, D. Ramu on clarinet. Singers Radha and Shanta rendered the songs.

University of Mysore (UoM) Prasaranga Director Dr. M.V. Manjunath, Secretary H.S. Govindegowda, Vijaya Sindhuvalli and H.K. Shashidar Dongre were present.

Dedication and perseverance vital for competitive examination: MLA

Mysuru, Dec.26 (MTY&US)- "Candidates appearing for competitive examinations should prepare with strenuous effort, dedication and perseverance, which would definitely yield positive result," opined MLA S.A. Ramdas. He was speaking after inaugurating the coaching camp for Bank Recruitment Test organised by Competitive Examination Coaching Centre of KSOU at its Cauvery auditorium here recently.

Ramdas said that a candidate after selecting a career stream should study in the right path and added that whatever studied should be understood completely. He contended that people of the country have a habit to save which assists the economy to be strong. He advised candidates opting for a career in Banking to create an awareness among people in balancing expenditure to improve savings.

Continuing, Ramdas said that unorganised micro Banking system has spread tremendously in India. He pointed out that those Banks were advancing small loans to the people and conducting programmes to encourage savings. He added that Sthree Shakti Groups and Women Co-operative Societies too are extending help in that context creating an awareness among rural people on importance of savings.

He asked students to focus on studies and learning without getting drawn by other thoughts. He advised candidates to make best use of the library facility at KSOU. He said that knowledge should be beyond the frame of text book to face a competitive examination.

KSOU VC Dr. S. Vidyashankar, Registrar Dr. B. Ramesh, Centre Co-ordinator J. Satyanarayana Gowda and others were present.

Triveni: Mysore's very own Jane Austen

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As it happened, one of the elderly female inmates walked up to Triveni, recognised her by name and confessed to having read her writings! She then placed a mat and invited Triveni to sit on it and then started relating to Triveni her own novel, which the inmate recollected rather vividly having read before! Triveni later recollected this incident to be a very surreal but unnerving incident and lamented on how an apparently educated literate lady had ended up being locked up in an asylum after losing her sanity.

Recognition

Triveni's writings got her recognition far and wide. Her novel *"Samasyeya Magu"* won the Devaraja Bahadur Award in 1962. The novel *"Avala Mane"* received the Karnataka Sahitya Akademi Award in 1960. Posthumously, she was awarded the 'Karnataka Motion Picture Award' in 1974 - 75 for the best Kannada movie storywright *(Kankana)*. Her writings have been translated into many languages and have reached a far wider readership than otherwise possible. S.M. Ramaswamy has translated her novels *"Apasvara"* and *"Apajaya"* into Hindi. *"Sharapanjara"* was translated as *"The Mad Woman"* by Meera Narvekar into English. Triveni's husband Shankar translated few of her novels into English and often converted them into plays. *"Bekkina Kannu"* was translated into Telugu by Sharvani. One of her short stories *'Athithi Baralilla'* was published in an Urdu paper in Pakistan. Several of her novels were adapted to the screen and won critical acclaim. Among the novels which came onto the screen were *"Bellimoda"* (1970), *"Sharapanjara"* (1971), *"Mukthi"*, *"Hoovu Hannu"* (1993), *"Hennele Chiguridaga"* (1968), *"Bekkina Kannu"* (1966) [in Malayalam by Puttanna Kanagal] and *"Kankana"*. *"Apasvara"*, *"Apajaya"* and *"Avala Mane"* were adapted for the small screen and were received quite well by a home audience.

Triveni

Personal Life

Triveni had an affectionate childhood, good education and loving marriage. Her novels were widely read and held in high esteem by the discerning public. Movies brought much needed publicity for her writing. Awards came her way in recognition of her talents. But, on a personal front, Triveni had a void she could never fill. Motherhood evaded her for a long time. Successive miscarriages spelt disaster to much awaited pregnancies. This eventually took a toll on her mental state. The prospect of waiting in dear anticipation, only to be left wanting at the end, proved mentally exhausting by the second time around. Expectedly, Triveni was able to successfully find a vent for these pent up emotions through her pen. Her novel *"Athithi Baralilla"* (Eng: Guest did not arrive) is the result of this experience and it was to be one of her finest. She finally had a daughter (Meera) from her third pregnancy on 19th July, 1963. Days after the delivery, Triveni passed away on 29th July, 1963 due to maternal complications (Pulmonary Embolism). She was thirty-five-years-old!

Her house (at least over a century old), situated opposite the Tennis Club on Chamarajapuram Railway Station Road in Mysore was in the process of being converted into a Museum in her memory. To quote Austen: *"Happiness in marriage is entirely a matter of chance."* How true indeed!

Triveni remains immortal in the hearts and minds of her readers (and film-goers) who cannot help but relate their own lives with those of her characters who leap out of her pages with a sense of vividness and realism that only she could muster. May we see more of her ilk in future.

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[References: 1) Biographical Sketch of Triveni by S.V. Vimala; 2) Inputs from Triveni's daughter Meera (via email); 3) Her novels]

WORD OF THE DAY

Coup de grâce

Pronunciation: koo-duh-GRAHSS.
Meaning: A deathblow or death shot administered to end the suffering of one mortally wounded; a decisive finishing blow, act, or event.
Origin: Borrowed directly from French and first appearing in English at the end of the 17th century, coup de grâce (also sometimes styled without the circumflex as coup de grace) translates literally as "stroke of grace" or "blow of mercy," and originally referred to a mercy killing, or to the act of putting to death a person or animal who was severely injured and unlikely to recover. (In some contexts the term is used to refer to the final act of executing a convicted criminal.) Later, coup de grâce had come to mean "an act or event that puts a definite end to something." Other coup terms that have made the jump from French to English include coup de main, for a sudden, forceful attack, and coup d'état for a violent overthrow of a government usually by a small group.
Example: "Quarterback Jake Luton completed 18 of 26 passes for 285 yards and five TDs. He added the coup de grace in the fourth quarter with a 19-yard bootleg scamper for OSU's final score." — Ken Goe.

THE ODD WORD

Cachinnate

To laugh loudly and inappropriately.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Card-sharp

Meaning: Someone who is skilful at playing or manipulating cards, or one who makes a living by cheating at cards.

Origin: 'Card-sharp', sometimes written 'card-sharp', might be thought to be a misspelling of 'card-shark'. The latter is the more commonly used of the two synonymous phrases, especially outside the UK, which is one of the few countries to prefer 'card-sharp'. It is sometimes suggested that one term derived from the other. There's no clear evidence to support that view, although if it is the case then it must have gone from 'sharp' to 'shark' as 'card-sharp' appears to be the older term.
Both 'card-sharp' and 'card-shark' originated in the 19th century. There is a 1594 painting by the Italian artist Michelangelo Merisi (Caravaggio) called 'The Cardsharps'. Of course, Caravaggio didn't title his paintings in English and it isn't clear when it was given its Anglicized name - probably not until well into the 20th century.
Such tricksters were also known as 'broadsmen' or 'spielers' and 'card-sharping' was also called 'Greekery' - a derogatory term that probably wouldn't get past the political-correctness lobby these days. The reason for thinking that 'card-sharp' and card-shark' may be independent coinages is the existence of the two much earlier words 'sharping' (swindling or cheating - circa 1692) and 'sharking' (cheating, stealing or sponging - circa 1608).

QUOTE BOX

Life is like a game of cards. The hand you are dealt is determinism; the way you play it is free will. **—Jawaharlal Nehru**

RIDDLE THIS

Why was the belt arrested?

Answer :For holding up the pants.

SUDOKU

4			9					
	8		1					
3		1	5		7		2	
		3	7					4
5								1
7					4	5		
	9		8		2	3		6
					6		7	
					5			9

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	1	8	7	9	5	3	6
7	9	8	3	6	5	2	4	1
5	6	3	4	2	1	8	7	9
4	8	6	2	1	3	9	5	7
9	7	2	5	8	4	1	6	3
1	3	5	6	9	7	4	8	2
3	5	7	1	4	2	6	9	8
6	2	4	9	3	8	7	1	5
8	1	9	7	5	6	3	2	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Above or done with
5 Common lodging house, bed
8 Another word for 'killed'
12 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
13 Irish Republican Army, acronym
14 "Mona Lisa" singer Nat King....
15 Duped or tricked
17 Ship's body
18 Spanish title
19 Joined together
21 Architectural style
24 Maui guitars
25 Tiny particle
26 Immenseness or vastness
30 Fijian island
31 Could __ __ fat : was on a lean diet? (3,2)
32 Modern prefix
33 Agatha ___ : the `Queen of Crime'?
35 Of the mouth
36 A false biblical god
37 Record-keeper
38 A hall for public lectures
41 Peas grow in one
42 Mr Abdullah of J&K
43 Widespread disease
48 651 in Roman numerals
49 Activity on Node, abbr.
50 Equal or identical?
51 P. Simon's '_ __ _ Rock' (1,2,1)
52 A monetary unit of Albania
53 Outstanding

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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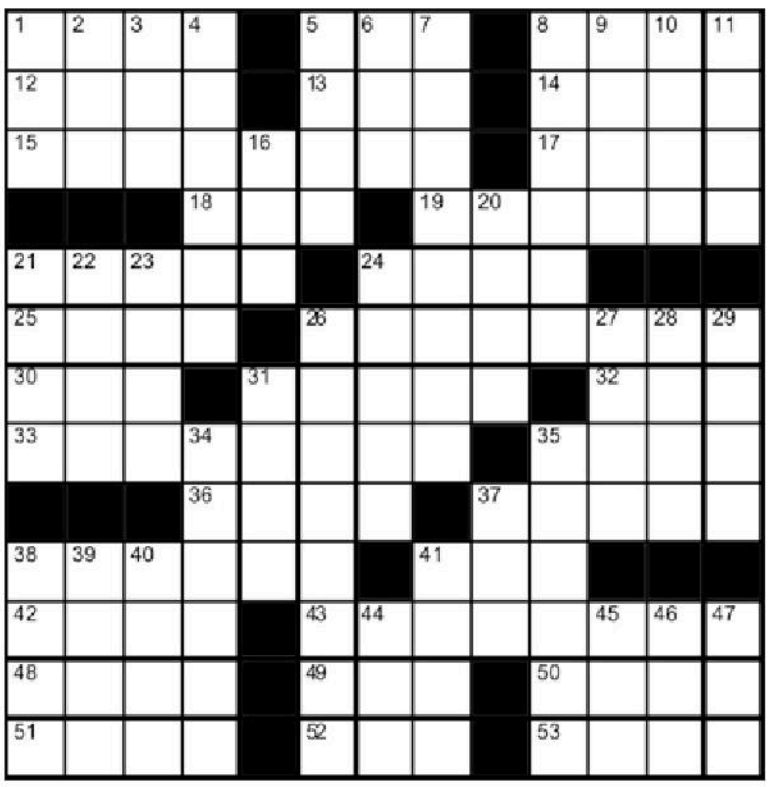
DOWN

1 Americas org.
2 Oath, promise
3 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
4 Haphazard
5 Pottery oven
6 Wrath or anger
7 Yesteryear badminton star Prakash ____
8 Disunion
9 Rough person
10 "She" in French
11 Join tightly
16 A black European beetle
20 Fiddling emperor
21 Beauty powder
22 Beehive state of USA?
23 Stern and forbidding
24 To such time
26 Have lunch or dinner? (3,1,4)
27 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
28 Just a drop of discharge from the eye?
29 Egg yellow
31 Son of Eve
34 Area including Spain
35 Of greatest age?
37 Large sea fish
38 Ebrahim ___ was overthrown by Baber
39 Young Men's Christ. Assoc.
40 ____ down : become less agitated?
41 Rock group ___ Floyd
44 Author of The Raven
45 China's ex-Chairman
46 Important, in short ?
47 Cost estimating system, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UXM'C TG JVHJQU CX CJOG J TQZ WCGY QV XMG QW QMUQEJCGU.

RXK EJM'C EHXWW J ESJWA QM CBX WAJDD FKAYW.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A marriage is always made up of two people who are prepared to swear that only the other one snores.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
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	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha			
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Dabangg - 3	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Thambi	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Hero	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Ruler	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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	(S-4) 9.55 pm
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-1) 1.15 pm
Dabangg -3 (H)	(S-1) 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3) 9.55 am; (S-4) 4.05 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-2) 10.15 am, 6.50 pm
	(S-4) 1 .00 pm
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha (K)	
	(S-2) 1.30 pm
	(S-3) 9.55 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-2) 4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3) 1.05 pm
Iddari Lokam Okate (Te)	(S-3) 4.15 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-3) 7.05 pm
Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker (E-3D)	(S-4) 10.00 am, 7.10 pm

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	(S-2) 2.20 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4) 10.30 am
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-3) 3.55 pm
Star Wars (E-3D)	(S-1) 4 pm, 9.45 pm
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1) 9.45 am, 7 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-3) 9.45 am
	(S-4) 2.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha (K)	
	(S-2) 11.30 am
	(S-3) 7.15 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-3) 12.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	(S-3) 9.50 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-4) 6.00 pm

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Dabangg 3 (H)	8.30 am, 3.05 pm, 6.30, 10 pm
Dabangg 3 (K)	12.35 pm
Odeya (K)	9.05 am, 3.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Mardaani 2 (H)	9.40 am
Jumanji: The Next Level (E)	9.50 am, 7.10 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	12.00 pm
Thambi (Ta)	12.05 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	12.25 pm
Ruler (Te)	3.15 pm
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (E)	4.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	6.25 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	6.35 pm
Driving Licence (Ma)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 26)

Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery: 'Varnaavarana,' solo art expo by S. Vinod, Gallery premises, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 6.30 pm.**

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Palace premises, **up to 9 pm.**

Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Expo, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Mahabodhi School, Saraswathipuram: Chiguru Habba, Annual Day celebrations, Mahabodhi Society-Bengaluru President Kassapa Bhanteji inaugurates, Mahabodhi Society-Bengaluru Gen. Secretary Ananda Bhanteji presides, Mahabodhi Mysuru Branch Director Dhammaloka Bhanteji guest of honour, Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal chief guest, former Minister N. Mahesh special guest, felicitation to Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju, Kalamandira, **4 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru: Lecture in Kannada by Swami Shantivratanandaji on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Mahendranatha Gupta, Ashrama premises, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust and Department of Kannada and Culture: 'Guru Namana' in memory of Natyacharya late M. Vishnudas and 'Noopurotsava,' Bharatanatyam recital by Vid. Vishwadeep, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam Shreenija Wodeyar from the USA, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 27)

Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs: 'Cake Utsav' as part of Winter Festival, Nanjaraja Bahadur (NR) Choultry, Vinoba Road, **8 am to 10 pm;** Cake Eating Contest for college boys, **4 pm** and other men, **5 pm;** Cultural programmes, **6 pm.**

Anokhi Garden: ...the bewitching, lyrical world of Ram Singh Urveti - Gond Artist, Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

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Karnataka State Souharda Federal Cooperative Ltd., Bengaluru: Souharda Sahakari CEOs Annual Meeting, Cooperative Societies Mysuru Division Joint Registrar Prakash Rao inaugurates, Karnataka State Souharda Federal Cooperative Ltd., Bengaluru Director H.V. Rajeev presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Expo, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**

District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy, Mysuru, Kannada Department - Sri Nataraja Women's Residential First Grade College, Mysuru: Mankuthimmana Kagga-75 - A Review, Sri Chidananda Swamiji of Sri Hosmutt graces the occasion, KIKS Director Prof. Neelagiri M. Talawar inaugurates, senior Gamaka scholar Vid. K. Ramachandra speaks about 'Mankuthimmana Kagga,' District Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Mysuru President S. Rama Prasad presides, Sri Nataraja Women's Residential First Grade College Principal Dr. M. Sharada and Vice-Principal Dr. G. Prasad Murthy will be present, Sri Nataraja auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, Shankara Mutt Road, **11 am.**

Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat - Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru: 18th anniversary celebrations and conferring of 'Kadali Sri' award on Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti, Vachana Gayana by Gowrishankar Mahila Vedike, Srirampura and Mahalakshmi Mahila Vedike, Agrahara, **4 pm;** Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Apparao Akkone presides, Davanagere University retd. VC Dr. Indumati inaugurates, Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting-Mysuru Assistant Director Dr. T.C. Poornima chief guest, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President G.R. Parameshwarappa will be present, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava, 'Keelu Kudure' by Krishnaveni Velu Folk Dance Troupe, Mysuru, 5.30 pm; Festival Inauguration and Book Release function, H.S. Umesh, theatre director, Jayaram Rayapura, Commissioner, Income Tax Department, Chennai, Indira Nayar, senior theatre artiste, Preethi Nagaraj, journalist and Prasad Kundooru, Managing Director, Niranthara, Mysuru, will be the guests, Jayaram Rayapura's two drama books will be released, 6 pm; Staging of play 'Arcadiyadalli Puck' (Director: Chandradasan) by Sanchari Ranga Ghataka of Rangayana Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar: 29th Annual Day celebrations, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath presides, ZP CEO K. Jyothi chief guest, Airports Authority of India (Mysuru) Airport Director R. Manjunath guest of honour, Parivarthana School and PU College Dean and Managing Director R.A. Chethan Ram delivers valedictory address, School premises, **5.30 pm.**

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Flower show at Mysore Palace

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Palace premises, **9 am to 9 pm.**

Niranthara Ranga Utsava
at Mini Theatre, Kalamandira

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Dec.27 - 5.30 pm: 'Keelu Kudure' folk dance; **6 pm:** Inauguration and Book Release; **7 pm:** Play 'Arcadiyadalli Puck'; **Dec.28 - 5.30 pm:** Thala Maddale; **7 pm:** Play 'Bahumukhi Ramayana'; **Dec.29 - 5.30 pm:** 'Hagaluvesha' performance; **7 pm:** Mahakavi Kalidasa's play 'Malavikagnimitra'; **Dec.30 - 5.30 pm:** Kannada Gazals; **7 pm:** Prof. Aravinda Malagatti's play 'Government Brahmana'; **Dec.31 - 6 pm:** Valedictory; **7 pm:** Theatre music programme titled 'Modale Nenedevu.'

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